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Hon. Erik Bottcher
NYC Council Member
224 W. 30th Street, Suite 1206
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Hon. Eric Adams
NYC Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Mark Levine
Manhattan Borough President
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Paul D'Amore
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Arsenal West, 24 W. 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Re: Request to Increase Funding for Parks

Dear Council Member Bottcher, Mayor Adams, Manhattan Borough President Levine, and Commissioner D'Amore

By a vote of 38 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 2 present not eligible at its June 5th Full Board Meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to reassert its concern for the decreasing funding of our local parks. In a previous letter we asked that Parks budget be increased to 1 percent of the total annual city budget. Instead, the Mayor is proposing a reduction.

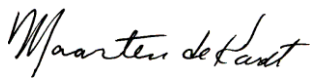
Reductions to the Parks budget in our district will result in the diminution of summer park programs, the reduction of staff and the reduction of personnel charged with the protection of our parks. All of this will decrease the quality of life for our community.

We ask you as our council members to continue to pressure the City for increases in the budget directed at the parks in our district.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chait
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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